

## **WELCOME TO FIMA**

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**Open Art:** by appointment  
or Tuesday until 3:20

### **Course Description:**

Foundations in Media Arts (FIMA) is an introductory art class focused on the elements of art; line, shape, value, space, form, texture, and color. With the use of computers and Adobe Suite programs such as Illustrator and Photoshop, unique and inspiring projects will be created throughout the course of the year. Art history and modern day art and artists will be taught and incorporated into the projects, utilizing various styles and techniques necessary to meet the standards in the Graphic Design World.

### **Expectations:**

- **BE ON TIME**; if you are late 3 times without a pass you will receive a cut slip. If you are late 4 or more times without a pass, you will receive a detention.
- **BE RESPECTFUL**; respect yourself, each other, varying opinions, materials & equipment, and our classroom.
- **DO NOT DISTRACT OTHERS**: when arriving to class, please enter the room on time and in a respectful manner. Go directly to your computer station and begin working either on the DO NOW or the current project. There is *always* something to work on!
  - Also, please remain at your computer station until the bell rings or until directed by the teacher otherwise. This will prevent any unnecessary distractions.
- **CELL PHONES/MUSIC**: the use of cellphones and musical devices are not permitted in the classroom. This is a school-wide rule and there is no exception to this rule! You will receive one warning to put your device away and/or off if it is being used. If the device is still out or being played after the first warning, I will keep the device until the end of the class period. If you refuse to turn off your phone/musical device, you will receive a referral and be escorted to your house.
- **FOOD & DRINK**: the computer lab does not permit any food or drink. This is a school-wide rule! If food or drinks get brought into the lab, you will be asked to discard them.
- **PARTICIPATION & EFFORT**: you will be expected to participate in ALL activities and be open minded. For each project, you will be graded on your participation & effort (see **grading** section). If you try to complete an assignment right before it is due or do not put in adequate effort into your assignments, you will receive a zero.

- **COMMUNICATION**: if you are having a problem with this class or struggling with the assignments, please communicate it to me, it is your responsibility. I cannot help you if I do not know.
- **BE CREATIVE**: everything takes practice; never give up even during times of frustration. Enjoy your artwork and do your best!

### **Class Dismissal:**

**1st offense:** Visual/ verbal reminder by teacher

**2nd offense:** Discussion with teacher about infraction/possible detention

**3rd offense:** call home /referral

**4th offense:** detention

**\*See student handbook for discipline procedures.**

### **Grading:**

- **SEMESTER GRADES**: comprised of 3 parts;
  - 70% Project Grades
  - 20% Do Now's
  - 10% Participation & Effort
- **PROJECT GRADES**: projects will be used to ensure understanding of the objective(s) and the elements of art taught via the use of rubrics.
  - Projects cannot be graded without them being submitted into your portfolio with your full name on the back.
  - Projects will NOT be accepted after the marking period
- **RUBRICS**: there will be a rubric for every assignment clearly outlining what you will be graded on. You will always have access to the rubrics and can utilize them as a self-evaluation tool.
  - a participation & effort rubric will be used once at the end of the marking period based on participation & effort throughout the quarter. You will always have access to this rubric and it will NOT change.
    - Participation & effort rubric is comprised of 4 parts;
      1. Student worked diligently, always on task
      2. Student is polite and respectful of self, others, and classroom
      3. Student is on time and does not cut class
      4. Student is not disruptive
- **DO NOW GRADES**: Various do now and mini assignments will be assigned daily to help prepare you towards the project being worked on. Rubrics will be available with the expectations & grading criteria via my website ([www.designmendola.com](http://www.designmendola.com)).
  - Do Now's will be submitted in your Google Slide Portfolio by the allotted time and/or date.

- If you are absent or have ISS/OSS you can access the Do Now's on your chromebook at any time. There is no reason to not have them completed.

### **Attendance:**

- **ABSENCES & TARDINESS:** your learning and success is impacted by your presence in the classroom. If you are late without a pass 3 times, you will receive a cut slip. If you are late 4 or more times, you will receive a lunch detention.
  - Absences are only excused by a note or phone call from a parent/guardian to the *main office*.
    - If you are absent, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to find out what you missed and make it up ASAP.
- **ISS/OSS:** if you are out of school or in school suspension, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to complete an ISS/OSS project from my website.
  - You are responsible to submit at least one project per week of your suspension in addition to any Do Now's assigned. Please submit all work to [alana.mendola@ecsdm.org](mailto:alana.mendola@ecsdm.org)

### **Deadlines:**

- **DO NOW'S:** Do Now assignments will be expected by the end of the class period they are assigned unless otherwise noted. If they are not submitted on time, a grade cannot be made. If effort is not put into the assignment, you will receive a zero!
- **PROJECTS:** submission of projects will be expected 1 day after we finish working on a project in class unless otherwise noted.
  - Projects handed in after midterm grades (5 weeks) will receive 20 points off your final project grade.
  - Projects not completed and/or submitted before the end of the marking period, will NOT receive a grade.

### **Open Art:**

- **LUNCH & STUDY HALL:** you are welcome to come to the art room during your lunch or study hall with the permission of an appropriate staff member...VALID PASSES ONLY!
  - If you will be attending open art, please let me know ahead of time to ensure availability.
- **AFTER-SCHOOL OPEN ART:** I will be available after-school on Tuesdays until 3:20 unless otherwise noted.

- If you will be attending open art or need to schedule a different time, please let me know ahead of time to ensure availability